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# Tilden Topics

. . . The worst is yet to come.

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## Mr. Kahn To Take Sabbatical; Mr. Wolpert His Replacement

Mr. Lawrence Kahn, Administrative Assistant.

Mr. Lawrence Kahn, Administrative Assistant, will take a sabbatical leave as of February 5, 1965. Mr. Saul Wolpert, chairman of the accounting department, will assume Mr. Kahn's duties.

Mr. Kahn has been on the faculty for 33 years, 15 of which he was the dean of the A.M. students. For the last four years he has been the administrative assistant.

**Many Duties Involved**

The main duties of this job consist of controlling the many complexities that arise in the smooth running of the school. Recently, modernization has been a major problem along with the norm of every day difficulties.

Administrative affairs of the school (teachers, covering classes, etc.) are dealt with in his office. Mr. Kahn states, "The job would be extremely difficult for an inexperienced person; however, we are most fortunate to have Mr. Wolpert." The latter has been chairman during all of his seven year tenure at Tilden.

**A Man of Experience**

Mr. Wolpert has worked in other schools previous to this one. At Wingate, he was the administrative assistant for four years, and at Eastern District H.S. for one term. While at the latter, he was head of its annex for three years. At Seward Park H.S. he was the Dean of Boys and G.O. treasurer of the school.

Mr. Paul Cohen will be the acting chairman of accounting and will carry out the coordination of all activities in this area.

Mr. Kahn asserts that he will miss the school while Mr. Wolpert "hopes to continue Tilden's high standard in school administration."

## *Gears Grind While Guild Prepares Play*

Tilden's Drama Guild is already preparing for its annual spring play, this year to be *My Sister Eileen*, tentatively set for the second or third week in May. This year's presentation will differ from those previously given in that it will be done exclusively by Guild members.

Only Drama Guild members will be allowed to take part in this year's play, making it a "closed" production for the rest of the school; that is, only Guild members will be allowed to audition. New members join the Guild at a meeting to be held Monday, February 15, in room 238. Once admitted, they will share the privileges enjoyed by the other Guild members in respect to auditioning.

Distribution of tickets is one of the major concerns of the Guild. Three methods are to be employed in their sale this year: 1) selling of tickets by English teachers (in the latter part of April or in early May), 2) distribution by Guild members, and, 3) establishment of a ticket booth which will sell only the remaining tickets. Announcements in the auditorium, starting in March, will publicize the show, as well as a sandwich-board type sign and other varied school media.

A meeting for current members will take place Tuesday, February 16, in room 238.

## Weiner Ranks Second In Oratory Contest

Tilden High School's David Weiner, 71G, finished second in the finals of the Theodore Roosevelt Oratory Contest held this year at Jamaica Vocational High School, January 12. The contest, sponsored by the Bureau of Speech Improvement and the Theodore Roosevelt Association, takes place annually and is open to all public schools.

David Weiner received a silver medallion as one of the runner-ups to the winner from Stuyvesant. The Stuyvesonian received a trophy.

Speeches this year were based on facets of government and society connected with Theodore Roosevelt. They were rated by both content and delivery. David's winning speech was based on corruption in government. It was approved by Mr. Joel Dick, Acting Chairman of the Speech Department, and Mr. Abraham Venit, Social Studies Department Chairman, before the contest.

The semi-finals were held at Metropolitan Vocational High School January 7. David finished among the top six, thus qualifying for the finals.

## New Central Sing Chosen for Fall

Preparation for "Sing 65" has already begun. Members of Central Sing Commission elected four successors Thursday, January 14, 1965.

Lola Nalen, secretary of "Sing 64" is now co-commissioner. The new members are: Isabel Friedman, K51, co-commissioner; Stephanie Aiges, J51, sophomore adviser; Sandy Lipkowitz, U3, secretary and Mark Abrahms, N3, treasurer.

Central Sing functions in the administrative aspects of the Sing production.

## Five Tildenites Rank As Semi-Finalists

On the basis of their PSAT scores, Abraham Goodgold, 7X, Sheldon Kalick, 7Z, Gary Prince, 7A, Emily Spieler, 7T, and Barry Spitz, 7Z, rank as semi-finalists in the National Honor Society Scholarship Program. This program is sponsored by the Association of Secondary School Principals.

Abe, an Arista member, was on the library squad, works in the biology lab, and was secretary to Mrs. Adele Fisch of the English Department.

Sheldon contributes to *Caravan* and belongs to Arista.

Gary, another Arista member, is on the math team, wrote for *Neophyte News*, and is president of the Tilden Forum.

Emily plays in the Tilden band and orchestra, is a member of Arista, and is Editor-in-Chief of *Topics*.

Barry is on the field squad, and is and Editor-in-Training for *Topics*.

The basis for selecting finalists from semi-finalists will be decided by a composite score of the PSAT and the rank in the graduating class.

## *History Students Participate In December's Opinion Poll*

**Student Opinion Poll**

| | Yes | No | No Opinion |
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| 1. Should the electoral college be abolished in favor of direct popular election of the President? | 1154 | 855 | 269 |
| 2. Should the United States withdraw completely from Southeast Asia? | 363 | 1705 | 234 |
| 3. Should narcotics addicts be treated medically as they are in England? | 1759 | 410 | 184 |
| 4. Should parents be fined for vandalism committed by their children? | 693 | 1329 | 194 |
| 5. Should the mail-order sale of firearms be prohibited? | 1681 | 407 | 171 |

More than 2,000 students participated in the December, 1964 Student Opinion Poll, conducted under the direction of Abraham Venit, Chairman of the Social Studies Department. Five questions, concerning domestic and international affairs were asked of Tilden's history classes.

In response to the first question, some 1,154 students advocated the abolishment of the electoral college in favor of the direct popular election of the President. This seems to indicate a desire to replace the traditional method of Presidential election with a more democratic one placing the selection of this country's highest official more completely in the hands of the American public.

The overwhelming response against the idea of American withdrawal from Southeast Asia is notable. It demonstrates an opinion which coincides with the view of the present administration.

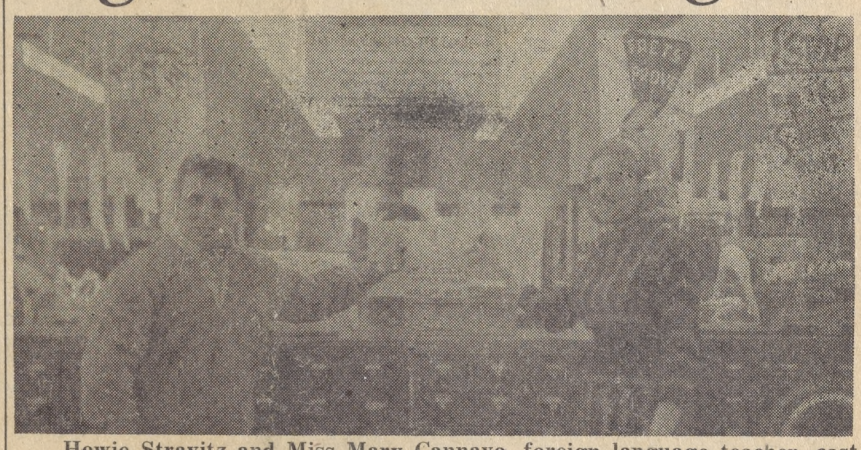
Four times as many students are in favor of treating narcotics addicts medically, as they are in England, than are opposed to doing so. This seems to indicate a trend toward the realization that dope addiction is a disease and should be treated as one.

A great majority of students are opposed to the fining of parents for vandalism committed by their children. This result indicates two possibilities —the youngsters are unwilling to punish parents for their (the youngsters) errors or the youngsters feel that the perpetrators should assume full responsibility.

The response to the fifth question demonstrated that most pupils are in favor of the prohibition of the selling of firearms through the mail, possibly because of the fact that our late President John F. Kennedy was assassinated with a mail-order gun.

*Jerry Bleiberg*

## *"T.G.O." Initiates New Organization Changes*



Howie Stravitz and Miss Mary Cannavo, foreign language teacher, cast first ballots in anti-smoking campaign.

Tilden has gotten itself a T.G.O. (Tilden General Organization). This is not just a revision of an old name, but the symbol of the revision of a whole organization. In fact, it is a three letter word for Progress.

The T.G.O. is the seed of progress which, in one year, might bring to each of its five-thousand members dances, hootenannys, a coke machine, a social lounge, a day at the Fair, and a trip to Washington. However, it must first hurdle its own inexperience.

**Wanted—Leaders!**

"Though the problem of inexperience cannot be traced to any one great source, it can be traced to general causes. The heart of the problem lies in the fact that not enough freshman, sophomores and juniors contribute to running the T.G.O. They are responsible for perpetuating a disadvantageous time-wasting cycle," points out Mike Berman, President of the G.O.

"The T.G.O. can be a powerful voice of the students if only the apathetic students will realize this! The T.G.O. can be strong if the students-freshman, sophomores, juniors and seniors-take an active interest in their school and voice their opinions through the T.G.O."

**Experience—The Best Teacher**

Presently, as before, it is the seniors that take office. Upon entering office, however, they have no knowledge or experience of how to handle their jobs. They don't know whom to contact and how to arrange social activities. As a result, they spend most of their term in office "learning the ropes." By the time they gain the necessary knowledge, it is also time to graduate, and they must release the hard-learned "ropes."

This situation can be avoided if the freshman, sophs, and juniors would break the cycle by joining one of five established committees.

**Here Are the Tools**

The first of these is the Social Committee, which is responsible for formulating a social calendar for the school year. They have already organized an afternoon dance held January 15. Tentative plans for the spring term include an evening dance, a hootenanny, a day at the Fair, and a week-end trip to Washington, D.C.

The Welfare Committee is supporting the anti-smoking campaign, while simultaneously working to arrange a Drivers' Education Course.

Working with the Social and Welfare Committees is the Publicity Committee. Every poster advertising school dances, drives and other activities, such as the anti-smoking campaign is a result of their efforts. Their objective is to inform students of all T.G.O. activiities and to urge support for them.

**Opportunity Beckons**

The School Improvement Committee is trying to obtain a social lounge and coke machine. And, fifth, the Budget Committee is in charge of all financial matters of the T.G.O.

These committees were introduced by Mike Berman, as a base for gaining experience, and a means of establishing contact with all factions of the student body. They are an unprecedented feature of the G.O.

Applications for these committees can be filled out in room 322.

*Meryl Sohnis*

## Neophytes of Arista Hold Annual Sing

By a score of 860 to 846, the P.M. Neophytes defeated the A.M. group in Arista's traditional Neophyte Sing, Friday evening, January 15.

The P.M. group known as *The City Slicks* was led by Sing leader Judy Yagerman, choral leader Roberta Cohen, and piano player Stephanie Aiges. *Country Hicks*, theme of the A.M. Neophytes, was led by Deborah Batterman and Denise Frommer, sing leader and choral leader respectively. Ilene Zyskind was the piano player.

**Lead Parts**

Paul Zimmering, Ronald Roth, and Rochelle Lansing had lead parts in the A.M. sing while Rachelle Batt, Myra Isenstein, Isabel Freidman, and Jane Corwin played the leads in the P.M. production.

Neophyte Sing has been presented for the past twelve years. The purpose may change from time to time but the goal is always the same—to bring the applicants to Arista together. In this way, friendship and enjoyment of working together through group participation is attained.

Rehearsals and preparations for this activity go on for approximately two weeks. Neophytes are given this length of time in order to prove that they are able to produce under pressure and are thus worthy of becoming Arista members.

**Ten Judges**

The judging was based on one thousand points and ten judges scored it with Mrs. Mary Bernstein, faculty advisor to Arista, acting as chief judge. Other judges included Steven Radlow, Adrianne Berg, Sheila Samuels, and Neil Macy, the officers of Arista.

Following the sing, a square dance was held in the boys' gym. Neopyhtes who took part will be inducted into Arista during March.

# *Blueprint for Tilden's "Great Society"*

The purpose of a General Organization within a school is supposedly to acquaint the students with the democratic process, and to have them reap the benefits of their democracy. Unfortunately, the G.O. in Tilden has not been fully effective because of the lack of participation in its functions, and consequently the inability of the organization to carry out its duties.

This vicious cycle *can* be broken, and it is this that Mike Berman, president, and the other officers are endeavoring to do. By encouraging students in the lower terms to become involved in one of the five committees that have now been opened to their membership, they are insuring that future officers of the T.G.O. will be more familiar with their duties and that the distribution of G.O. work will be more equitable.

Perhaps, with new efficiency derived from the knowledge acquired by the officers prior to their election, social functions (e.g. dances) under the auspices of the Social Committee will become more frequent and more successful, and a lounge where students could meet, listen to music, and socialize will actually be introduced. Thus, the school, instead of representing only an academic institution, could evolve into a complete society, providing both for the academic and recreational pursuits of its members.

However, while continuing to provide social activities for the students, more constructive committees could be instituted, each under the rule of a Chairman who has had previous experience within the General Organization, and each designed to allow the participating students to help the school administration, the student body, or the community toward a practical end while "learning the ropes" within the organization. For example:

1. A New York City Committee could be designed to acquaint Tildenites with activities (e.g. plays, museums) and discounts for events of particular interest within the city. Possibly, special rates could be arranged for museums, movies (other than Century Theaters), and stores in the Metroplolitan area.

2. A School Information Committee, by publishing a bulletin, could acquaint students with meetings, dances, and other news within the school. Under the present chaotic system, these announcements are made individually by the various clubs and are read (or not) in the official classes.

3. Committees in charge of tutoring or orientation for freshmen and sophomores could be instituted. In addition, a system should be devised so that suggestions by students for changes in and additions to the T.G.O. could be reviewed, analyzed, and perhaps carried out by the student administration.

Above all, it must be remembered that the T.G.O. is the student organization, and, as such, can only achieve success through active interest and participation on the part of the entire student body. Until now, the existence of a General Organization has been almost meaningless; the present officers are giving the present and future students bodies a chance to make it a working success. The rest is up to the students.

# Sing: Sower of Discord or of Harmony?

"Sing was fixed—the Seniors should have won."

"The Juniors deserved to win—the Seniors have no right to gripe."

In orchestra, violinists intentionally did not tune their instruments; in the halls, the Juniors wore their hats smugly, with disdain for the upper classmen, or not at all; on Monday, December 21, the vanquished Seniors wore black.

For the first time in the history of Tilden Sing, the Seniors had not received first place, and, defeat being naturally difficult to adjust to, they were bitter, and vocally so. They felt they had been cheated and betrayed, that the judges merely wanted to break with tradition.

Whether the Juniors really deserved their victory is, of course, debatable; all judging has a tendency to be subjective, and therefore seemingly unfair to the loser. But the adverse reaction to the decision that was prevalent throughout Tilden must be condemned.

Sing is one of the few activities within the school that involves a large percentage of the student body; the quality that makes it so important springs from the ability of the hundreds of individuals involved to subordinate themselves to one theme, and, each contributing to the final whole, to produce a musical of almost always undeniable excellence. The personal satisfaction derived, the pride in the final production, the knowledge that one has worked and produced the best possible show, should suffice. Happiness should not stem only from victory, although it is unquestionable that victory enhances pride.

Sing is a tradition in Tilden. It benefits the students involved, the school, and provides entertainment for the community. However, if victory is the only incentive, perhaps judging should be eliminated. Certainly, a change from the present attitude is mandatory for Sing to continue to be a successs.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# Mr. Novack Had Better Beware As Mr. Irgang Goes On The Air

We have always suspected that Tilden's faculty was an unusually gifted one. Little did we think that among these academic pedagogues exists one with a flair for performing on radio and T.V. Such qualities are indeed embodied in Mr. David Irgang of the Math Department.

Can you imagine a math teacher capable of capturing a bank robber? "No," you say? Well, you don't know Mr. Irgang. He did capture a bank robber. At least he made the panel of "To Tell the Truth" believe that he really was a hero. He even put one over on a former teacher of his—one who knew him or thought he knew him well enough to give him a 95 in Spanish. That teacher was Mr. Sam Levenson.

In another program, Mr. Irgang walked away with $250. And what did he do for this money? He flirted with Jayne Mansfield. Twice he guessed her thoughts. George Hamilton, Paul Newman, Joanne Woodward, Oscar Levant and Johnny Mathis of "Celebrity Game" were amazed and perhaps jealous for extra-sensory perception that existed between our Mr. Irgang and Miss Mansfield.

On another occasion, he cost the "Truth or Consequences" program $200 by his great skill in surreptitiously taking 20 pieces of fruit from a bowl and stashing them in his pockets without his wife who was next to him even being aware of what was going on. Pickpockets beware!

Of course, he had to pass judgment on the Beatles too—so he visited them for an hour with their manager a Mr. Epstein. He found Ringo to be the funniest—but he insists crew cuts would really test their true aptitudes as performers. With a personality like that of Mr. Irgang, are you surprised that teenagers look forward to joining him in adventure during July and August when he makes treks every summer across the United States, through Mexico and over the ocean to Europe as head of Irgang Teen Tours?

*Elaine Brodsky*

## *Teacher of the Month*

**By Marilyn Levy**

In the summer of 1961, a teacher sought the borders of Mexico to become more fluent in the Spanish language and to study at the University of Mexico. Once there, she lived with a Mexican family and marveled over this "modern and primitive" country, as she describes it.

Teaching at Tilden for her fourth year, Miss Lowenthal (*perdone me, por favor*) the recent Mrs. Bette Thaler, recalls why she has chosen to make the study of Spain's language and customs her profession. "I have always enjoyed Spanish music, literature, and the colorful clothing and costumes so typical of Spain," she explains.

Besides going to Brooklyn College, our Teacher of the Month attended Middlebury College in Vermont where all she was allowed to eat, breathe, sleep, and speak was Spanish. Mrs. Thaler rebelled against this rather harsh treatment by muttering English phrases under her breath and saying such things as, "El shoe."

Discussing the study of languages in high school, Mrs. Thaler says, "At first, students study a language because it is a required course, but after a while they continue the language because they have a genuine liking for it."

**Mrs. Bette Thaler**

When asked if she believes that more languages, such as German and Latin, should be taught in high schools, she replies, "I'm sure that more language courses would be given in high school if the students asked for them. Latin is the foundation of all language and should be studied."

In any tongue, we are proud to have Mrs. Thaler in our language department and wish her "*buena suerte*" in her career.

# Topics on the Town

**By Emily Spieler**

The theme: evil. The horror, the tension mounting relentlessly for ninety minutes, the inexorability of fate moving toward the ultimate catastrophe in an ironclad society which has condemned the sisters since birth.

The film: *Les Abysses*. The action based on the double murder perpetrated by the Papin sisters in rural France in 1933. The impact hinged on the inability of the sisters to fight society, and the inability of society to help the sisters.

**A Date With Destiny**

The story runs its course in one evening in the home of a once-prosperous but now nearly destitute winemaker in the Bordeau farm country. The servants have been reduced to virtual slavery, for they have had no wages for three years, and oppression, poverty, hopelessness have brought the girls to the verge of complete despair. Their overriding fear, mounting to hysterical terror, is that the house and lands will be sold and they will have no place to go.

It is this terror that grows within the girls throughout the film; confronted with the definite plans for the sale, they are driven to murder in the mad hope of self-preservation. The final terrifying question with which one is presented is who, truly, is guilty? We, the living, who form a society which condones man's inhumanity to man, the servant girls, or the murdered women?

And the answer eludes us, because we shrink from self-incrimination and the realization of our own personal guilt but understand the inability of the girls to avoid their fate.

**Crime and Punishment**

At the end, the audience is left with a feeling of horror and loss, spent by the emotional paroxysm which has enveloped it. *Les Abysses* does, of course, have its faults, but they are insignficant. Instead, it clearly and successfully emphasizes the incarnate evil which is fostered by our own selfish, materialistic society.

# *The Agony...And The Ecstasy*

Have you ever stopped in the middle of the first floor and asked yourself, "Why are some of my school days 'miseries' while others are 'joys'?" Here are a few factors which govern the "joys" and "miseries" in a Tildenite's school day.

**Misery is:**

Trying to set your watch according to one of the *new* clocks.

Getting sick before midterms and taking make-up tests the first day back.

Having a test postponed after studying all night.

Getting caught on the wrong staircase and having to walk back.

Being trapped on a stalled staircase with a heavy load of books and hearing the late bell ring.

Getting tuna fish all over your notebook as you desperately copy homework in the cafeteria.

Losing Sing.

Continually forgetting your G.O. dues.

Making the wrong entry on your option card and then trying to have it corrected.

Being a sophomore on the first day of the term.

Really leaving your homework home and having your teacher not believe you.

The realization that Mr. Novak will never teach at Tilden.

Dropping your books in the main corridor.

Walking into a bathroom and finding it undergoing renovation.

Trying to decide between *The Man From U.N.C.L.E.*, *No Time for Sergeants*, and your history homework.

**Joy is:**

Getting your dental note in on time.

Winning Sing.

Escaping detection as you substitute your friend's homework for your own.

Getting *Tilden Topics* out on time.

Getting the proper amount of service credit.

Mailing out P.S.A.T. and S.AT. information on time.

Walking into a classroom on the first day of school and finding the teacher is absent.

Having all your classes on one floor, preferably the first.

Having the bell ring just as you are called on to recite.

*Armand Gazes*

## By EMILY SPIELER and ELISE GORDON

Time marches on, we've been told, and it might be fitting now to take a long look at Tilden in the year 1964. Here is a recount of that year's happenings:

January, 1964—G.O. initiates anti-smoking campaign; commencement.

February—Tilden students compile 111 Regents Scholarships; Drama Guild announces *You Can't Take It With You.*

March—Student poll condemns school bussing, boycotting, and U.S. supported attack on North Vietnam, but gives approval for U.S. sale of wheat to Russia.

April—G.O. nominees campaign for office.

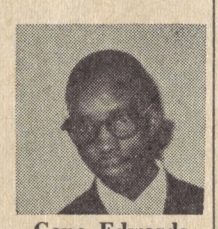
June—Lefkowitz Award cancelled—former President Harry Truman to have received it; Shakespearean festival; commencement; G.O. elections.

October—Renovation in full swing; apathetic response cancels Senior elections; student poll predicts Democratic victory in Presidential and N.Y. Senatorial elections.

November—tickets for '64 Sing on sale; Senior class yearbook plans change in format.

December—Juniors make history, win Tilden Sing with "Juniors Play the Palace"; *My Sister Eileen* Guild's spring play; more athletic teams to be innovated after renovation.

### A Rembrandt in Our Midst


Gene Edwards

For those Tildenites who occasionally lift their eyes from the floor during passing: you should have noticed a display hanging outside Mr. Margolies' office during the month of December, for, judging by the art work, true talent lurks in our midst. These drawings, done for the Biology Department and commissioned by Mr. Berman, Chairman, attest to the fact that Gene Edwards, 5D, must always have been interested in art, and will go on to even bigger and (if possible) better things.

### Breaking the Language Barrier

George Rates, 7H, has been appointed French Editor of *Polyglot,* Tilden's foreign language magazine. George is the recipient of a special French scholarship. His assistant editors are Sheila Mofshin, 71A, who is a member of the Drama Guild, and Emily Rogers, 7T, who is a member of Arista. The Spanish assistant editors, also just appointed, are Myra Katz, 7X, another Guild member, and Linda Friedman, 71F, an Arista member. No Hebrew assistant editors have as yet been appointed.

### Former Cohort Excells

Sally Margulies, graduate of June 1963, is now a student at Brooklyn College, and has risen to new academic heights; with a 4.0 index, she was named the ranking student in last year's freshman class. While at Tilden she was President of Tilden Forum, News Editor of *Topics,* and a member of Arista.

Adriane Berg

### Forensics Come to Tilden

Arista and Adriane Berg, 8E, Girl Leader and now Captain, have initiated a Debating Team, and have selected as the first topic "Resolved: Red China Should Be Recognized by the United States." The participating Aristonians (Robert Dorin, 7R, Abe Goodgold, 7X, Steve Karver, 7W, Sheldon Kalick, 7Z, Sheldon Lidofsky, 8E, Marilyn Moskowitz, 8C, Gary Prince, 7A, Dave Schuller, 7K, Richard Smith, 71E, Barry Spitz, 7Z, Linda Stern, 7M, Dianne Stillman, 7M, Jeff Tlumak, 7F) are divided into two groups, pro and con. The first debate took place Friday, January 8, at Sheepshead Bay High School, and the score was Sheepshead 75, Tilden 70—some claim we lost because both judges were from the school of the antagonists. Perhaps.

### Wedding Bells

Our congratulations this issue go to Mrs. Bette Thaler, formerly Miss Bette Lowenthal, of the Foreign Language Department. Mrs. Thaler was married December 27 to Mr. Sheldon Thaler, a sixth grade teacher at a Brooklyn public school.

Now that we have summarized and filed '64 for future reference, we greet '65 with the following resolutions:

1. To tolerate, without vocal complaint, our quarrelsome siblings, demanding parents, barking dogs, unsympathetic teachers, and Mr. Schwartz's corny jokes.
2. To ignore the "Out of Order" signs on the bathroom doors.
3. To reassure ourselves that someday soon we homeless Editors will have a home.
4. To attend all school functions, and therefore to support our struggling G.O.

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# Mr. Seidman Holds Faculty Bridge Meet

Mr.Benard Chazen and Mr. Charles Spiegel, and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Sachs, defending champions, were the winners of the North-South and East-West divisions respectively of the Annual Tilden Faculty Bridge Tournament conducted by Mr. Sol Seidman held Friday January 8 in the Teacher's Cafeteria.

### North—South Tie

In the North-South division, there was a tie for second place with Mr. and Mrs. Ira Zornberg, and Mr. and Mrs. Hy Marcus. Second and third places in the East-West were taken by Mr. David Ayman and Mr. Lester Brill, and Mr. and Mrs. Saul Wolpert, respectively.

Rated as the number one tournament player in Brooklyn, Mr. Seidman has won many regional and local events in the field of bridge.

### Other Participants

Other partners in the North-South were Mr. and Mrs. George Howitt, Mrs. Mary Betts and Mrs. Sylvia Hyman, Miss Eugenia Flanagan and Miss Mary Campbell, Mr. Nathaniel Singer and Mr. Al Weil, Mr. and Mrs. Geller, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Margolies, and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Friedman; in the East-West, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Stein, Miss Sophie Crystal and Mr. Saul Krokow, Mr. and Mrs. Seiden, Mr. and Mrs. Saul Wolpert, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Zeifert, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Daniels, and Mr. and Mrs. Lowe.

# U.S. Mission to U.N. Hosts Press Conference

Mr. Francis Carpenter, Director of News Service for the United States Mission to the United Nations, was the chief speaker at a press conference held by the New York High School Press Council for the United Nations held at the U.S. Mission January 14.

### Assessment Problems

Mr. Carpenter, in his speech, spoke of the "extremely hot time for the U.N." This is being caused by the 'money problem,' the failure to pay assessments by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and 18 other assorted countries for the past 2 years. Article 19 of the U.N. Charter provides that any member nation who fails to pay its assessments for 2 years shall be deprived of its vote in the General Assembly. In order to overcome this difficulty, it has been agreed that there will be no vote taken this session until this problem is resolved.

### International Cooperation Year

It was also pointed out by Mr. Carpenter that this is International Cooperation Year. In accordance with this, all countries are supposed to cooperate for a better understanding. The idea was originally put forward by the late Jawaharial Nehru of India in 1961, and was set up by a resolution in 1963.

During the question and answer period, probably the most important topic of questioning was the withdrawal of Indonesia from the United Nations. Mr. Carpenter pointed out that Indonesia has withdrawn from all organizations with the letters U.N. in them, but not ones that do not have these letters such as W.H.O. (World Health Organization). He also stated that he agreed with those who believe that any nation that pulls out of the U.N. will soon be back.

# GUIDELINES

*As a follow up to the last month's* GUIDELINES *column the following queries have been answered by Miss Rebecca Grand, administrative assistant in-charge-of-guidance.*

*Any questions that you may have can be submitted by placing them, with your name and offical class, in the* TOPICS' *mailbox in the main office.*

Q. Can you graduate from high school without passing your Regents and then take them over later?

*Arlyne Mirsky, 8G*

**A. You may be graduated with a general diploma without passing your Regents examinations if you pass the subject for the term. You may take the Regents examination over by writing to the chairman of the department the following term to request permission to take the Regents. If you wish to take the Regents examination during the summer or in evening school, you have to attend classes and take the entire course to be eligible to take the Regents examination.**

Q. Why are the College Boards counted so much?

*Shirley Feivelson, 70A*

**A. The College Board SAT is given a great deal of weight by colleges because it is their only uniform and objective way of testing verbal and mathematical ability. The CEEB-SAT serves as a common measuring device for a variety of high schools all over the country. No college admits students solely on the basis of College Board scores. The high school record is of greatest importance in all admissions. The City University, when computing scores, gives equal weight to high school average and College Board SAT scores.**

Q. Are there more advantages to specialization in a curriculum (such as elementry education) at the beginning, or in taking a liberal arts curriculum? *Joyce Bass, 7A*

**A. The choice is up to the applicant. If you are interested in a broad, thorough, cultural education, the liberal arts curriculum is better for you. If you are more vocationally-oriented, the elemetary education curriculum may be more to your taste.**

Q. Will the Guidance Department fill out your records for each application to a private college?

*Stuart Frank, 7A*

**A. A student's guidance counselor takes care of all matters related to college applications. A student should give the application with the part completed by the applicant to his guidance counselor.**

Q. 1. Is it advisable to go to a two-year community college if refused by a four-year college of The City University instead of going to a private paying college?

2. Can you always transfer from the two-year college to the municipal college?

*Terry Best, 71A*

**A. 1. Anybody who has the ability to do work at four-year college and can gain admission to a four-year college should attend. Of course, the tuition charges at private colleges are high, ranging from $35.00 to $50.00 a credit. A student carries a minimum of thirty credits a year.**

**2. Students attended a community college may take the second two years at a City University college if they earn the Associate in Arts Degree, Some college credit is given for the Associate in Applied Science Degree which is earned when taking a career course. The Bernard Baruch School of Business Administration gives some credit for business courses taken at community colleges in career courses.**

# Alumni Association Reunion a Success

Approximately 500 former Tilden students attended the Alumni Association meeting held December 22, 1964 at 8:00 P.M. in the Tilden Auditorium. This event was arranged by Mr. Samuel Saltz, faculty advisor of the Association, and the executive committee of the Alumni Association of which Michael Seeb, class of 1961, is President.

### Alumni Accomplishments

"Juniors Play the Palace," the theme of the tradition-breaking Junior Sing, provided the evening's entertainment, after which there were refreshments and dancing in the girls' gym.

Mr. Seeb, in recounting the accomplishments of the Alumni Association thus far pointed out that it participates in a student work-aid project for students who are in need of financial help, and has paid the salary of the J.V. football coach as well as for a plaque to be installed in the main lobby with the winners of Sing inscribed on it.

### What's to Come

Mr. Seeb and Mr. Saltz expressed their hope that more people will volunteer to become members of the Executive Board. This group holds meetings three or four times annually to plan future meetings, social events, and fund-raising campaigns. These Board meetings are held weekday evenings at convenient times.

The Association was very pleased with the turnout and hopes that future meetings will be as large.

Interested alumni may contact Mr. Saltz in care of Tilden High School.

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## ON THE SIDELINES

**By Dave Glickman and Paul Lerner**

We are saddened to report the retirement of Herman Ginsberg as head coach of Tilden's baseball team. Coach Ginsberg is to be succeeded by Mr. Nick Farkouh.

Coach Ginsberg, affectionately referred to as *Spotty*, first came Tilden back in 1933. He became head coach of the baseball team in 1936 and has held the position ever since. Before his retirement, *Spotty* was the senior high school coach in New York City. During his 28 years as coach, Mr. Ginsberg has compiled an impressive overall record. His teams have won 18 championships, while suffering few losing seasons. He has coached many outstanding ballplayers including the famed Sid Gordon.

Mr. Farkouh

Mr. Ginsberg

The members of Tilden baseball teams were not the only athletes to benefit from Mr. Ginsberg's sports genius. He served as coach of the bowling team since its formation. He was succeeded by Mr. Farkouh this past bowling season. *Spotty* took over the leadership of the field squad this past season from his longtime personal friend, Joseph Solomon, who passed away last spring. It is an impossible task to cover in any real detail the long and illustrious career of Mr. Herman Ginsberg in a mere column. He has left an indelible mark on the high school sports world in general and Tilden in particular. We feel fortunate to have known him, and wish him continued success in his retirement.

**Enter Mr. Farkouh**

Mr. Nick Farkouh is a recent arrival upon the Tilden sports scene. He came here in 1963 after serving as coach of Brooklyn College's freshman baseball team. He took over the position of head coach of the Tilden tennis team from Mr. John O'Shea who give it up after a long glorious tenure here at Tilden. Under Mr. Farkouh's leadership, the tennis team posted a respectable record against formidable competition. This fall, Mr. Farkouh took over as coach of the bowling team. Under his guidance, they posted a 6-4 season log to tie for second place in their division. Mr. Farkouh is a drivers' education instructor at Adelphi Academy where he meets many Tildenites. He is determined to maintain the winning Tilden tradition which Mr. Ginsberg began many years ago. We wish him good luck on his challenging assignment.

**For All to Know**

Throughout the years, there have been many athletes who are considered to be underrated ball players. One such athlete is Tilden's hoop star Freddy Kornblith.

Although the *Goldmen* have yet to win a league game this season, Freddy has led all scorers in Brooklyn's "Suicide" Division II averaging over 26 points per game. It is our hope that this year's All-City ballots will give Freddy the credit he deserves.

# Harriers Open Indoor Season; Chaplin, Brown New Captains

With the arrival of the indoor track season, Sheldon Chaplin, one of the finest sprinters in Tilden's history, and Tom Brown, star of the previous cross-country season, were elected as co-captains.

The potential point-scorers for the winged-footed men this season will be co-captain Tom Brown, running in the two mile event; Jan Gottlieb, in the mile; co-captain Sheldon Chaplin, running the quarter and half mile; Abner Fisch, the 1000 yard, and the mile relay team consisting of Irv Schonfeld, Bruce Schuler, Ron Brumel and Marc Forman. Everyone hopes that Jan Gottlieb, who is still recuperating from an auto accident, will be ready to pick up where he left off. Jan has been practicing tirelessly. Of Jan, Coach Joel Hochheiser says, "He has shown a tremendous amount of courage and fortitude in attempting to make his comeback. This is a great tribute to a great athlete."

**Plenty of Depth**

Besides the wing-footers, there will be boys competing in field events in the coming meets. When Mr. Hochheiser says "We have a really well-rounded team with depth," he is referring also to the "field men."

The Tilden record for the high-jump is 5'9", set by Allen Cedar last year. This year's star high-jumper, Mark Jacob, has been practicing endlessly, and, in the boys' gym, has already cleared 5'10". In the shot-put event is Alan Berstein, a junior who is showing fine progress. He already has throws of forty feet to his credit.

**Meet Results No Indication**

The winged-footed men found themselves facing some tough competition in the first indoor event of the season, the Bishop Loughlin Meet, held Saturday, December 12. Coach Hochheiser said that the results of this meet will not be indicative of the season, because the team had not reached its peak performance. However, Abner Fisch, running in the 1000 yard event, posted a 2:27 time, which is excellent for the first meet of the season.

**For the Open Berths**

Tryouts were recently held for the varsity team when 150 "scrubs" competed against each other for berths on the team. Mr. Hochheiser will pick 23 boys to join the varsity squad in February. When all of this is done, Tilden's varsity squad will consist of 55 men—the largest in the school's history. Captain Chaplin will be working with the new sprinters, and Captain Brown with the distance men.

The outdoor season, which will be held after the last indoor meet, will consist of 10 dual meets, 5 PSAL meets, and 5 practice meets. Tilden Field will be the scene for most of these meets.

**Patter of Fleet Feet**

The AAU development meets, in which the outstanding amateur athletes in the land participate, features one high school event, the mile relay. In the first such meet, Tilden made a fine showing as Sheldon Chaplin, Bruce Schiller, Ronnie Brumel and the injured Irv Schonfield burned up the boards. They ran quarters of 52.8, 54, 55, 57 seconds respectively.

In the subsequent development meet, Tilden improved its time. The substitution of promising junior Mark Streisand for the ailing Irv Schonfeld lowered the time for the mile by nearly two full seconds. Performances of this caliber by juniors, such as Mark and Abner Fisch, portend well for Tilden's track future.

# Keglers Place 2nd

The Tilden bowling team, coached by Mr. Nick Farkouh, completed a winning season with a 6-4 league record and a 9-5 overall record. This achievement placed the *Keglers* second in the division behind Sheepshead Bay, which closed with a 7-3 record. Tilden defeated every team in the league once and was the only team to defeat Sheepshead Bay, the champions, twice. Tilden also beat Midwood, a victor over Sheepshead.

**Team Shows Marked Improvement**

The team couldn't find the range in the beginning of the season, losing three out of the first five matches. However, as the year progressed, the Tilden bowlers found their marks and began to spill pins and opponents with deadly accuracy. The success of the team was due in large part to outstanding performances by the second team, which won every match in ten contests. This team consisted of Howard Gilbert, Mike Fersko, Lenny Adlowitz, Ray Panzer, and Stu Dorfman.

**Highlights of Season**

Mel Markowitz bowled the high game of the season with a score of 236 to help defeat Wingate. Stu Dorfman and Ray Panzer delivered clutch pressure performances; Lenny Adlowitz had the highest average in league play, while Mark Silverman led with a 175 average for the season.

The loss of the two graduating captains, Stu Wisotzky and Mark Silverman, and well as Eddie Seligman and Mel Markowitz, will be a serious blow. Next season Coach Farkouh will rely on Ray Panzer and Mark Sakir to up the team standing.

# Goldmen Upend Adelphi 64-50; Bow to Divisional Opponents

**LOUD LAYUP: Bruce Schiffman yells in a driving layup in the first quarter of the game against the Kangaroos of Boys High. Boys won, 65-51.**

Looking for their first basketball league win of the season, Tilden's *Goldmen* played host to Brooklyn Tech December 15 at Tilden. The *Goldmen*, playing without high scoring Fred Kornblith, dropped a tough 56-49 decision in a game that had been tied with fewer than two minutes left in the game.

The first period was dull and ended with the *Engineers* holding a 6-5 advantage. The second period was free-scoring as Tilden got 13 points from Bruce Schiffman and Tech's Davis scored 12. The half closed with Tech ahead 32-25. Mark Feit was brilliant in blocking many key shots but the speedy Davis put on a scoring show that upped the third period lead to 42-34. Tilden stormed back in the final stanza with Eigen hitting the nets for 4 quick field goals. After the teams deadlocked at 44, Tilden matched Tech with two pointers to knot the contest at 49. Then, the Engineers pulled two quick steals and dominated the boards to pull away at the close.

Schiffman finished with 20 points, Eiger with 12, and Jaffee with 7 for the *Goldmen* while Davis paced all scorers with 27 points.

Trying to snap a 4 game losing streak, the Tilden *Goldmen* traveled to Jefferson High School, December 22. The *Orangemen* proved to be too strong to handle as they won the encounter 76-50.

The opening period action was fairly even, but the *Orangemen*, led by Willey Cambell's scoring spurts, opened up a 42-22 margin by the close of the first half.

In the second half, the *Goldmen* played practically basket for basket with the Jefferson hoopsters. Freddy Kornblith, playing with an injured leg, sparked the team, but to no avail as Tilden couldn't get back the points lost.

**Trample Ivy Champs**

The Ivy League champions, Adelphi High School, invaded Tilden for a January 6 non-conference game. Tilden, which had been winless in 5 games, scored a 64-50 triumph.

After an early Adelphi spree, the hustling *Goldmen* fought back to gain a 37-31 lead at the half. With Fred Kornblith unstoppable on his drives and Mark Feit doing a great job on Adelphi's tall Bruce Kane, Tilden never relinquished its lead. Kornblith finished with 27 points; Bruce Schiffman had 11; Mark Feit and Mike Jaffee picked up 10 points.

In its sixth PSAL game, Tilden played host to the defending city champs, Boys' High School. Boys' won, 65-51, January 8.

The lead changed hands 8 times in the first period, closing at 11-10, Boys'. Fred Kornblith had 9 of the Goldmen's points. The Kangaroos then opened up a quick 9 point bulge but Tilden, scoring seven straight points in one stretch, closed the gap at halftime to 30-36. The *Goldmen* were playing inspired ball but the Boys' High height advantage took its toll in the third period. Larry Cheetum paced a 14 point tear that upped the count from 41-38 to 55-38. This nullified some earlier Kornblith sharpshooting. Tilden outcored the Kangaroos 13-10 in the final stanza with a belated rally.

Kornblith closed with 33 points and Mark Feit had 8. Cheetum tallied 23 for the victors.

**Too Tall to Handle**

Following the close game against Boys High, the Tilden *Goldmen* were looking for a big upset against undefeated Erasmus, January 15. The *Dutchmen's* height advantage proved to be overwhelming as they won the game 94-68 in front of a capacity home crowd at Erasmus.

The first quarter saw a very closely contested contest with Erasmus opening up a slim 19-16 lead. However, with the start of the second period the Dutchmen began to pull away, never to be overtaken. Mike Jaffee led Tilden scorers with 22 points.

*B. Spitz, P. Lerner, D. Glickman.*

# Through the Hoop

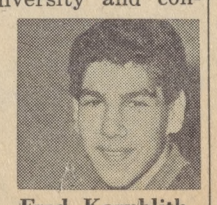
**By Steve Chamoff**

Towering at center this season for Tilden is Mark Feit, 7P. Tipping the scale at 185 lbs., his 6'4" frame adds height to the *Goldmen* squad. In his second year on the team, Mark's alertness under the boards has helped him in his rebounding. By swimming in the off-season, Mark keeps in the condition basketball demands. He is planning to attend Long Island University where he would like to continue playing basketball. His desire is to major in commercial art. Mark also has a great interest in automobiles.

Mark Feit

This season, Mark's most unforgettable feat was against Wingate. In this game, he held big Ron Sanford to five points. Mark rates at the top of the league averaging fifteen points a game.

Returning this year for his third season with the basketball team is 6' 160 lb. Fred Kornblith, 71B. Fred is the *Goldmen's* explosive ace backcourtman and, besides having exceptional speed, he has a fine jump shot. Fred's ambition is to become a high school coach. He would like to attend Witchita State University and continue playing basketball.



Fred Kornblith

At Meyer Levin Junior High School, Fred captained the basketball squad. This season, three years later, he has shown the same leadership ability by being elected captain.

In an exhibition encounter against John Jay, Freddy, by hauling in 41 points, set a new Tilden record. Fred is leading all scorers in the "Suicide" division, averaging 27 points. Last April, Fred made honorable mention on the All-City high school basketball team.

All those who have seen Freddy in action agree that his superlative all-around play this season is deserving of All-City recognition.

Playing at forward for the *Blue Devils* is Steve Cooper, 7N. Steve, who stands 6'1" and weighs 175 lbs., is in there fighting hard in all of Tilden's drives. He keeps himself in shape by playing basketball all year round.

Steve Cooper

Steve intends to go to either Long Island University or Brockport State and major in physical education. His ambition in life is to become a high school basketball coach.

Against Wingate, Steve was able to hold Don Mellish, one of the *General's* top scorers, to ten points. Steve's greatest thrill is his high game mark. In one game he pumped in 18 points. He is looking forward to the games against Boys' High, and Erasmus, with anticipation. He hopes these encounters will result in Tilden upsets and that the team will reverse its slow start.

**Last season Steve and Dennis Kamensky combined to provide Tilden with two first cousins playing side by side in the back court. Dennis is no longer with the team.**

Returning for his third season on the squad is 6'1", 170 lb. Bruce Schiffman, 7C. Starting at guard for this year's team, Bruce is one of two co-captains for the *Goldmen*. Besides basketball, Bruce keeps in shape by playing tennis and swimming.

Bruce Schiffman

A 93% student and a member of Arista, Bruce hopes to attend either Dartmouth or Princeton where he will continue to play ball. His aspiration is to study the field of medicine.

Bruce's biggest thrill was when he scored 23 points in the heartbreaking loss to Brooklyn Tech, December 8. He considers the upcoming encounter with Erasmus, to be the most important game on Tilden's schedule.